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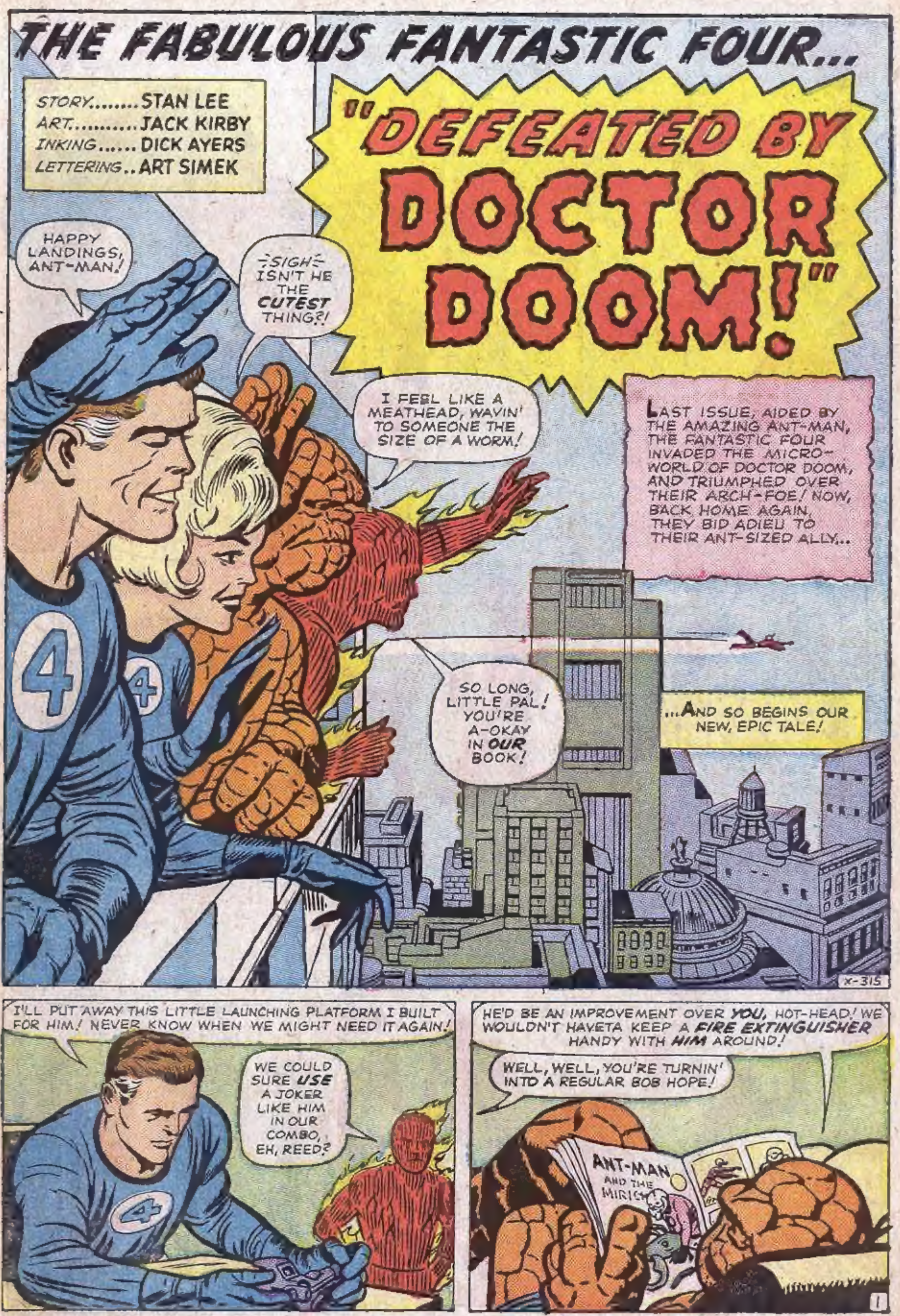
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"DEFEATED BY DOCTOR DOOM!"
HAPPY LANDINGS, ANT-MAN!
-SIGH- ISN'T HE THE CUTEST THING?!
I FEEL LIKE A MEATHEAD, WAVIN' TO SOMEONE THE SIZE OF A WORM!
LAST ISSUE, AIDED BY THE AMAZING ANT-MAN, THE FANTASTIC FOUR INVADED THE MICRO-WORLD OF DOCTOR DOOM, AND TRIUMPHED OVER THEIR ARCH-FOE! NOW, BACK HOME AGAIN, THEY BID ADIEU TO THEIR ANT-SIZED ALLY...
SO LONG, LITTLE PAL! YOU'RE A-OKAY IN OUR BOOK!
...AND SO BEGINS OUR NEW, EPIC TALE!
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I'LL PUT AWAY THIS LITTLE LAUNCHING PLATFORM I BUILT FOR HIM! NEVER KNOW WHEN WE MIGHT NEED IT AGAIN!
WE COULD SURE USE A JOKER LIKE HIM IN OUR COMBO, EH, REED?
HE'D BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER YOU, HOT-HEAD! WE WOULDN'T HAVETA KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER HANDY WITH HIM AROUND!
WELL, WELL, YOU'RE TURNIN' INTO A REGULAR BOB HOPE!
ANT-MAN
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AW, KNOCK IT OFF, JUNIOR! I'M SO GLAD TO BE BACK TO MY NORMAL SIZE AGAIN THAT I AINT EVEN MAD AT YOU! THAT LITTLE TRIP TO DOCTOR DOOM'S MICRO-WORLD WASN'T EXACTLY MY IDEA OF A REST CURE! REMEMBER?
DO I REMEMBER? HECK, I'LL NEVER FORGET IT! WHEN OL' LAUGHING BOY REDUCED US TO THE SIZE OF TOYS, I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS FOR SURE!
AND IF SUE AND REED HADN'T FIGURED OUT A WAY FOR US TO ESCAPE FROM THAT PRISON, SURROUNDED BY A SEA OF ACID, I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE NOW, LOOKING AT YOUR UGH FACE!
OH YEAH? YOU DIDN'T MIND LOOKIN' AT MY 'UGH FACE' WHEN I WAS MOPPIN' UP THE JOINT WITH DOOM'S LITTLE TIN SOLDIERS, DID YA? I'LL BET I LOOKED PRETTY GOOD TO YA THEN!
BUT DON'T FORGET, WHILE YOU TWO ARE SWAPPING PLATITUDES, DOCTOR DOOM MANAGED TO ESCAPE VIA THE ENLARGING RAY, AND HE'S FREE HERE ON EARTH AT THIS VERY MINUTE!
HIM? HE'S PROBABLY SHAKIN' IN HIS LITTLE BOOTIES RIGHT NOW, KNOWIN' THAT I'LL BE ON HIS TRAIL PRETTY SOON!
YOU KIDDIN'? HE'S PROBABLY LAUGHIN' HIMSELF TO DEATH!
ANYWAY, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TREATED ME WITH MORE RESPECT, BIG BOY! DON'T FORGET HOW THAT LIVIN' DOLL, PRINCESS PERLA, KNIGHTED ME BEFORE WE LEFT HER KINGDOM! YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T MAKE YOU CALL ME "M'LORD"!
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LOOK, HALF-PINT, YOU EVER ASK ME TO CALL YOU "M'LORD", AND YOU'LL END UP CHEWIN' ON A FISTFUL OF KNUCKLES!!!
CLAM UP, BEN! IF YOU AND JOHNNY WANT TO KEEP TRADING LOVE LETTERS, DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE! YOU'RE ROCKIN' THE BOAT HERE!
OKAY, OKAY! I'M ALL TALKED OUT NOW, ANYWAY! WHAT'S THAT GIZMO YOU'RE PLAYIN' WITH?
IT'S A HIGHLY REFINED RADAR SET, EXTRA SENSITIVE TO HUMAN FLESH COVERED BY STEEL! I'M HOPING TO GET A CLUE TO DOCTOR DOOM'S WHEREABOUTS!
I THINK THE THREE OF US SHOULD BE HELPING YOU RIGHT NOW, BY SEARCHING THE CITY OURSELVES!
GOOD IDEA, SIS! I COULD USE A LITTLE ACTION!
YEAH, JUST LIKE THEY SAY IN COMIC BOOKS, HUH?
BOY, IF I DIDN'T LOVE THAT BIG APE SO MUCH, I'D GIVE 'IM A HOT-FOOT RIGHT IN THE SEAT OF HIS BAGGY PANTS! OH WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME TO TEND TO BUSINESS NOW...
I'LL CLIMB UP TO A COUPLE THOUSAND FEET AND START SENDING OUT SONAR HEAT WAVES! WITH A LITTLE LUCK, I MAY DETECT THE VIBRATIONS OF DOOM'S STEEL OUTER COVERING!
YES SIREE, IT SURE WAS A GREAT IDEA! THERE'S ONLY ONE LITTLE THING WRONG--
--IT'S NOT WORKIN'!! TOO MUCH LIKE TRYIN' TO FIND A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK, I GUESS!
MEANWHILE, THE THING SEEMS TO HAVE BETTER LUCK...
HOLY COW! IT'S HIM!! I FOUND 'IM!!
HE MUST BE NUTS TO WALK AROUND IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT!
HEY, DOOM--WAIT UP! WE GOT A LITTLE UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO SETTLE, YA WALKIN' JUNKPILE! THIS IS THE THING TALKIN'!!
WHUMP!
WHO'S THE WISE-GUY?!?!
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HOW THE *?*!!*?* DO I GET OUTTA HERE??!
LADY! LOOK OUT!
MY BRAKES ARE JAMMED!!
I AINT GOT TIME TO FIND THE RIGHT EXIT, SO I'LL JUST--
HEY! A GUY COULD GET A CHARLEY HORSE THIS WAY!!
OH! YOU-- YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
SURE, SURE! I'M JUST A BIG, FAT, HANDSOME HERO! NOW GET OUTTA THE WAY--I GOT THINGS TO DO!
WOW! IT'S THE THING! LOOK AT THAT BIG FELLA MOVE!
HE--HE'S SO GROTESQUE THAT HE'S ALMOST BEAUTIFUL!
NAH! I KNEW I'D CATCH UP TO 'IM! BOY, AM I GONNA ENJOY THIS!
HEY, BUSTER! TURN AROUND! I WANNA GAZE INTO YOUR BABY BLUES WHILE I MOP UP THE STREET WITH YA!
WHAT GIVES, MISTER?? YOU SOME KINDA FANATIC, OR SOMETHIN'??
I'LL BE A MONKEY'S UNCLE!! I BEEN ROBBED!!
TODAY AT THE BIJOU THEATER "WHEN KNIGHTS WERE BOLD!" SEE IT NOW!
AND, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...
IF DOCTOR DOOM IS IN THE CITY, HE'LL BE SURE TO CONTACT SOME HARDENED CRIMINALS TO HELP HIM! SO, IF I INVISIBLY FOLLOW SOME UNDERWORLD TYPES, PERHAPS...
GASP! I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING AS BLATANT AS THIS TO TAKE PLACE RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!
I THINK THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, MR. SPADE!
YEAH! LET ME HAVE IT, PROFESSOR, AND I'LL SEE IF IT'S THE ONE I WANT!
THIS SPECIAL ADAPTER IS WHAT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE! NOTICE HOW SMOOTHLY IT FITS ON THE BARREL OF THE GUN! IT'S EASY TO HANDLE, AND NEVER MISSES!
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HOLD STILL, PROFESSOR! THE FIRST ONE I'LL TRY IT ON IS YOU!
THE COLD-BLOODED MURDERER! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE MY SHOTS GOING WILD??
IT--IT'S SHOOTING PING PONG BALLS!! IT'S A TOY!!
POP! POP!
SO IT NEVER MISSES, EH? AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GREAT TOY INVENTOR!
I--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! TRY IT ONCE MORE, PLEASE! I KNOW IT'LL WORK!
IT SURE WILL-- BECAUSE I'M BUTTING OUT FROM NOW ON!
ROYAL
LATER THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE FABULOUS FOURSOME HAVE MET TO COMPARE NOTES...
I'M AFRAID DOCTOR DOOM IS TOO SMART TO LEAVE ANY CLUES TO HIS WHEREABOUTS! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT TILL HE MAKES THE FIRST MOVE!
AND KNOWIN' HIM, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT, EH, REED?
IN THE MEANTIME, WE MIGHT AS WELL CONTINUE WITH OUR NORMAL SOCIAL LIVES!
YOU MEAN I GOTTA BE THE DARLIN' OF CAFE SOCIETY AGAIN!?
HMMM... IT'S A GOOD THING WE DIDN'T TAKE OUR PRIVATE ELEVATOR! LOOK AT THE CROWD OF FANS WAITING FOR US IN THE LOBBY!
I AINT GOIN' DOWN THERE! SOME OF 'EM MAY BE THE YANCY STREET GANG, AND I'M LIABLE TO GET JUGGED FOR MANSLAUGHTER!
LOOK! THERE THEY ARE! UP ON THE SECOND FLOOR LANDING!
WE'VE GOT TO SLIP OUT SOMEHOW! IF THEY CATCH US, WE'LL ALL BE LATE FOR OUR APPOINTMENTS!
I WONDER IF I COULD TALK THE MAYOR INTO DECLARIN' OPEN SEASON ON THE YANCY STREETERS --JUST FOR ONE RIP-SNORTIN' DAY!
PSSST! OVER HERE! YOU CAN USE THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR AND GET OUT THE SERVICE EXIT!
WE'RE IN LUCK! IT'S ONE OF THE JANITORS!
FIRST TIME I EVER STOOD SO CLOSE TO FOUR CELEBRITIES! I'D HAVE SPOTTED YOU ANYWHERE!
AND THE THING THOUGHT HE WAS HIDDEN BEHIND THOSE CHEATERS HE WEARS!
HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE MY FACE, KIDDO-- IT'S MY LOVABLE PERSONALITY THAT SHINES OUT LIKE A BEACON!

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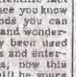

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AND, AT THE SAME TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...
HA HA! BOY, AS IF THE THING ISN'T CONSPICU-OUS-LOOKING ENOUGH--
HE'S GOT HIS OWN PERSONAL FLOATING WATCH-DOG TRAILING AFTER HIM!
BEN, WHAT IS IT? WHY IS EVERY-ONE LAUGHING AT YOU?
I'LL TELL YA, LATER, ALICIA BABY! RIGHT NOW, I'M GONNA DEMOLISH ME A FLYIN' WISE-GUY!
TRY TO MAKE A LAUGHIN'-STOCK OUTTA THE THING, WILL YA?? WELL, THIS'LL TAKE THE WIND OUTTA YOUR SAILS!!!
HEY! I SLAMMED RIGHT THRU 'IM!! HE ISN'T EVEN SOLID!! HE'S SOME KINDA GHOST OR SOMETHIN'!!!
AS FOR SUE STORM, SHE HAS A MORE DECORATIVE FOLLOWER FOR HERSELF...
HOLD IT, MISS STORM! BEFORE WE SNAP YOU FOR THIS U.S. SAVINGS BOND POSTER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THAT THING ABOVE YOU!
GOOD HEAVENS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I CAN'T SHAKE IT! IT FOLLOWS WHEREVER I GO!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! EVEN THOUGH I'VE TURNED INVISIBLE, IT'S STILL FOLLOWING ME! BUT HOW--WHY--??
AND, IN A DIGNIFIED LECTURE HALL, NOT FAR AWAY...
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO CONFER UPON REED RICHARDS THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF--
ULP! WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?!?!
DOCTOR RICHARDS!! WE ALL KNOW HOW BRILLIANT YOU ARE AT DEVISING COLORFUL SCIENTIFIC EFFECTS--BUT I HARDLY THINK THAT THIS IS THE PROPER TIME OR PLACE...
FORGIVE ME, SIR! I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH--WITH WHAT-EVER THAT IS!!
WELL, LITTLE FRIEND, YOU RUINED MY EVENING, LOST ME AN HONORARY DEGREE, AND I STILL CAN'T LOSE YOU! BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT--KEEP FOLLOWING TO MY LAB! I HAVE A HUNCH WHAT YOU ARE, AND WHO DESIGNED YOU!
IMPERIAL CAB

FINALLY, AT THE WORLD-FAMOUS HEADQUARTERS OF THE GREATEST SUPER-TEAM MANKIND HAS EVER KNOWN...
CALM DOWN, EVERYONE! I HAVE A LITTLE GADGET HERE WHICH WILL SOON TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THESE FLOATING "FOLLOWERS"!
ALL I WANNA KNOW IS HOW I CAN LAND JUST ONE HEALTHY PUNCH AT THAT FLYIN' FREAK ABOVE ME!
ME TOO! THE BLAMED THING RUINED A DATE I'VE BEEN PRO-MOTIN' FOR WEEKS!
THERE! I MODIFIED THIS ELECTRO-DETECTOR TO ZERO IN ON WHATEVER IS ATTRACTING THE "FOLLOWERS" TO US! SEE? IT'S POINTING AT MY WRIST!
BIG DEAL! WHATCHA TRYIN' TO PROVE?? THAT YA GOT ATTRACTIVE WRISTS??
OH HUSH, BEN! LET REED FINISH!
BEEEEEEEEPPPPP!
HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN SEEKING! THIS TINY PLASTIC DISC! LOOK AT YOUR WRISTS, TOO--I'LL WAGER YOU'VE EACH GOT ONE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
I KNEW THE "FOLLOWERS" WERE JUST INANIMATE THINGS WITH NO LIFE OF THEIR OWN! THEY HAD TO BE ATTRACTED BY SOMETHING--AND THESE LITTLE DISCS ACTED LIKE MAGNETS, KEEPING THEM WITH US!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BIG DADDY! I BRUSHED THAT BLAMED DISC OFF AND LOOK--
IT'S FADIN' AWAY!
THEY WON'T BOTHER US ANY MORE! WITHOUT THE DISCS TO SUMMON THEM, THEY'LL SIMPLY FADE AWAY FOREVER!
WHAT LUNKHEADS WE WERE! THAT PHONY JANITOR MUSTA SLAPPED THOSE DISCS ON US WHEN HE WAS SHAKIN' OUR MITTS!
AND THAT MEANS HE MUST HAVE REALLY BEEN--DOCTOR DOOM!
THEN--FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE'S MONITORING OUR EVERY MOVEMENT RIGHT NOW WITH ONE OF THOSE DIABOLICAL MACHINES OF HIS!!
HOW RIGHT SHE IS!! BUT NOW THE FIRST PHASE OF MY PLAN IS ENDED! I ONLY INTENDED TO EMBARRASS AND CONFUSE THEM!
NOW I SHALL GO TO WORK WITH A VENGEANCE--AND MY FINAL PURPOSE SHALL BE--THEIR COMPLETE DESTRUCTION!
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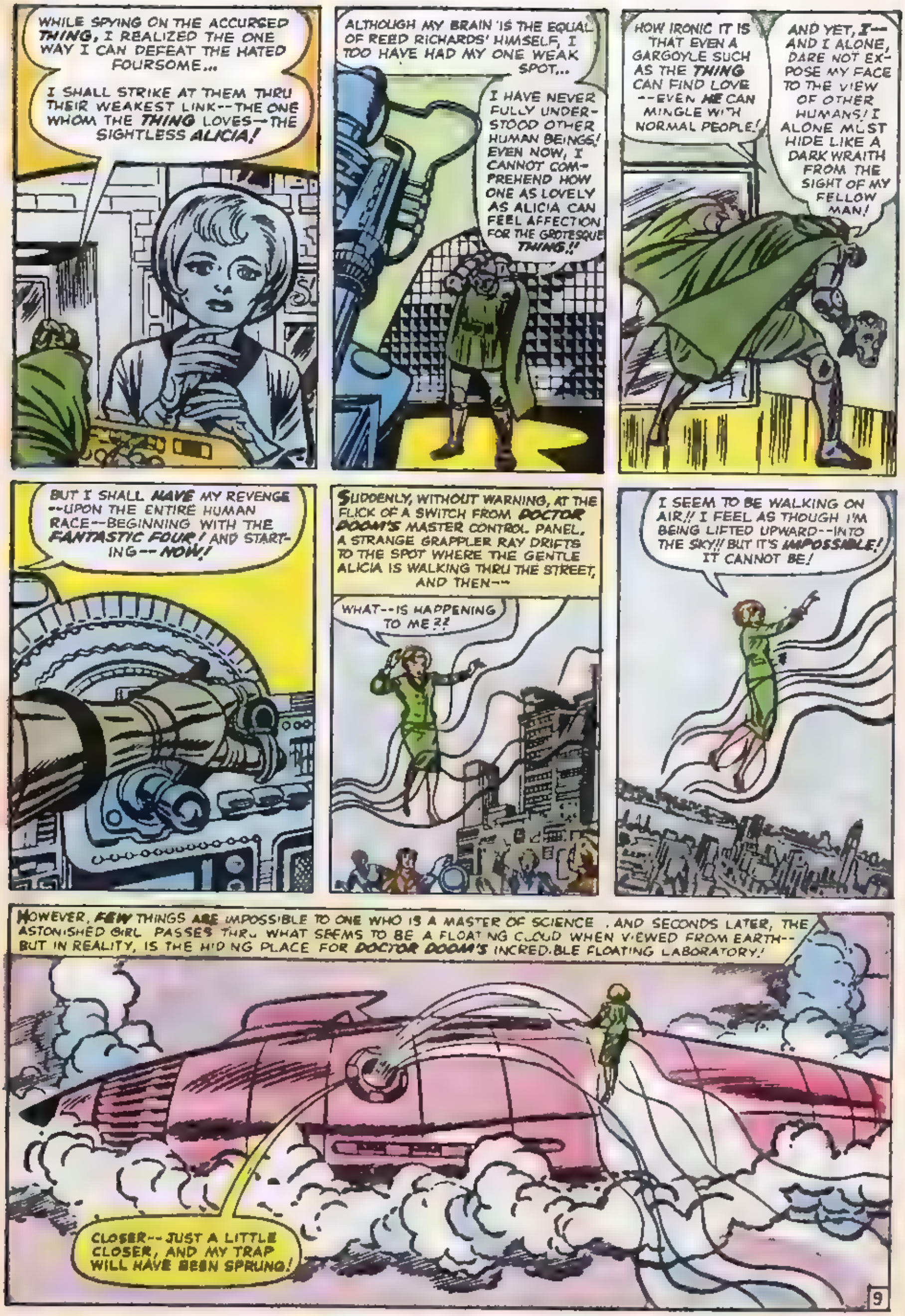
WHILE SPYING ON THE ACCURSED THING, I REALIZED THE ONE WAY I CAN DEFEAT THE HATED FOURSOME...
I SHALL STRIKE AT THEM THRU THEIR WEAKEST LINK--THE ONE WHOM THE THING LOVES--THE SIGHTLESS ALICIA!
ALTHOUGH MY BRAIN IS THE EQUAL OF REED RICHARDS' HIMSELF, I TOO HAVE HAD MY ONE WEAK SPOT...
I HAVE NEVER FULLY UNDERSTOOD OTHER HUMAN BEINGS! EVEN NOW, I CANNOT COMPREHEND HOW ONE AS LOVELY AS ALICIA CAN FEEL AFFECTION FOR THE GROTESQUE THING!!
HOW IRONIC IT IS THAT EVEN A GARGOYLE SUCH AS THE THING CAN FIND LOVE --EVEN HE CAN MINGLE WITH NORMAL PEOPLE!
AND YET, I--AND I ALONE, DARE NOT EXPOSE MY FACE TO THE VIEW OF OTHER HUMANS! I ALONE MUST HIDE LIKE A DARK WRAITH FROM THE SIGHT OF MY FELLOW MAN!
BUT I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE --UPON THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE--BEGINNING WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR! AND STARTING--NOW!
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING, AT THE FLICK OF A SWITCH FROM DOCTOR DOOM'S MASTER CONTROL PANEL, A STRANGE GRAPPLER RAY DRIFTS TO THE SPOT WHERE THE GENTLE ALICIA IS WALKING THRU THE STREET, AND THEN--
WHAT--IS HAPPENING TO ME??
I SEEM TO BE WALKING ON AIR!! I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M BEING LIFTED UPWARD--INTO THE SKY!! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CANNOT BE!
HOWEVER, FEW THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ONE WHO IS A MASTER OF SCIENCE . AND SECONDS LATER, THE ASTONISHED GIRL PASSES THRU WHAT SEEMS TO BE A FLOATING CLOUD WHEN VIEWED FROM EARTH--BUT IN REALITY, IS THE HIDING PLACE FOR DOCTOR DOOM'S INCREDIBLE FLOATING LABORATORY!
CLOSER--JUST A LITTLE CLOSER, AND MY TRAP WILL HAVE BEEN SPRUNG!

LATER THAT DAY, AS THE THING KEEPS OCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN UNIQUE VERSION OF WEIGHT-LIFTING...
QUICK BEN--PUT THOSE THINGS DOWN AND LOOK AT THIS PAPER!
IT'S ALICIA!! IT'S MY ALICIA!! IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO HER, I'LL--
EASY OLD FRIEND! THERE MUST BE MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE!
LOOK OUT REED! BEN LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONNA GO ON THE RAMPAGE!
DAILY HERALD
GIRL WALKS ON AIR IN VIEW OF THOUSANDS!
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IT'S DOOM! HE'S BEHIND ALL THIS! HE'S TRYIN' TO GET AT US THRU ALICIA! BUT HE WON'T--! DO YA HEAR?? HE WON'T!! LET ME GO LET ME GO!
BEN, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER
LET 'IM GO REED! HE'S GOT EVERY RIGHT TO BE MAD! AND I'M WITH THE BIG FELLA, ALL THE WAY!
SUDDENLY, A GRIM VISAGE APPEARS ON THE GREAT WALL OF THE READY ROOM, AND...
FOOLS! YOUR ANGER WILL AVAIL YOU NOTHING! THIS TIME DOCTOR DOOM HOLDS ALL THE CARDS! THIS TIME VICTORY SHALL BE MINE!
IT'S HIM!
FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOU BY SENDING MY PSEUDO-IMAGE HERE, BUT I AM STILL HUMAN ENOUGH TO WISH TO GLOAT OVER YOUR HAPLESS PLIGHT!
BUT NOW, OUR LITTLE GAME BEGINS IN ERNEST! I MUST WARN YOU THAT I WILL TOLERATE NO INTERFERENCE! IF YOU ANGER ME, I MIGHT UNLEASH AN "ILLUSION-RAY" UPON NEW YORK-- A RAY WHICH WILL GIVE THE ENTIRE POPULATION MASS HALLUCINATIONS!
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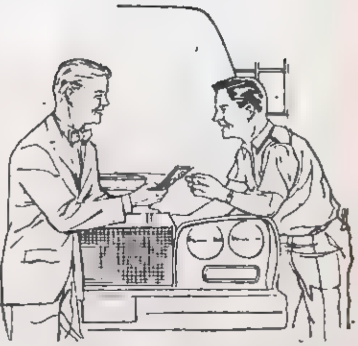

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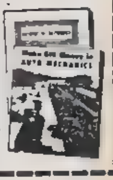

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YOU GOTTA GET THOSE MACHINES FIXED!! WE WANT OUR JOBS BACK!!
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE NEWS TRAVELS QUICKLY-- TO BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.
DA! IT IS THE BEST NEWS WE HAVE HEARD IN WEEKS!
SOON THE CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES WILL BE HELPLESS BEFORE US!
STOP GLOATING, YOU NUMBSKULLS! DOCTOR DOOM IS NOT DOING THIS FOR US! FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE MAY STRIKE HERE NEXT!
IF HE IS ABLE TO WRECK THE AMERICAN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM, WHY SHOULD HE NOT BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME TO OURS??
YOU ARE RIGHT, COMRADE K! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
DA! THAT IS WHY YOU WILL NEVER BE DICTATOR!
AND IN NEW YORK, THE FANTASTIC FOUR RECEIVE A GRIM-FACED, BROODING VISITOR!
AND SO, THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF FELT THAT INASMUCH AS YOU FOUR HAD BATTLED DR. DOOM IN THE PAST, AND DEFEATED HIM, YOU MIGHT BE THE BEST CHOICE TO--
WE UNDERSTAND, COLONEL! WE'RE PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY!
SURE! WHATEVER DOOM CAN DO, MR. FANTASTIC CAN DO A HECKUVA LOT BETTER!
TALK, TALK, TALK, WHILE POOR ALICIA IS STILL HIS PRISONER!
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AS A MATTER OF FACT, SIR, I HAVE ALREADY FORMULATED A PLAN OF ATTACK AGAINST OUR MUTUAL ENEMY!
OH? AND MAY I KNOW WHAT IT IS?
SORRY, COLONEL! IT WILL BE SAFER IF NOBODY BUT THE FOUR OF US KNOW ABOUT IT!

THEN, AFTER THE VISITOR FROM WASHINGTON HAS DEPARTED...
REED I-I'M SORRY I BLEW UP YESTERDAY! BUT TELL ME-- IS THERE REALLY A PLAN?? IS THERE REALLY SOME WAY TO FIGHT THAT RON-FACED SKUNK?? TELL ME!
THERE IS, OLD FRIEND! AND IT WILL BE MOSTLY UP TO YOU! LET ME EXPLAIN
OH, REED, IF ONLY YOU COULD FIND A WAY!
WITH THE AID OF MY ELECTRO-SCANNER, I WAS RECENTLY ABLE TO DISCOVER DOCTOR DOOM'S HIDDEN HIDEAWAY!
THIS IS AN ULTRA-VIOLET RAY PHOTO I TOOK OF A STRANGE CLOUD WHICH HAD BEEN HOVERING OVER THE CITY-- LOOK WHAT IS WITHIN THE CLOUD!!
WE SHOULDA GUESSED! HE HAD TO BE SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY TO KEEP MONITORING US THE WAY HE DID!
BUT FINDING HIM WAS ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM!
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU AN ENLARGEMENT OF A SECTION OF THAT PHOTO--BLOWN UP ALMOST ONE THOUSAND TIMES ITS NORMAL SIZE!
HURRY, REED! WE'RE WASTIN' TIME!
BEN, IF I LET YOU RUSH TO ATTACK HIM, YOU'D BE A DEAD MAN WITHIN MINUTES! HE HAS THE MOST FOOL-PROOF DEFENSE AGAINST US EVER DEVISED!
SEE THAT?? THOSE ARE DISINTEGRATOR RAY GUNS--JUST POISED AND READY FOR US!
AND THOSE FIGURES UP THERE-- WHAT IN SAM HILL ARE THEY???
THESE ARE THE MOST DIABOLICAL PARTS OF HIS TRAP! HIS "FOLLOWERS" DID MORE THAN JUST FOLLOW US BEFORE! THEY TRANSMITTED TO DOCTOR DOOM AN ACTUAL PRINTED CIRCUIT OF OUR ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR BODY STRUCTURE! SEE?
BUT SO WHAT??
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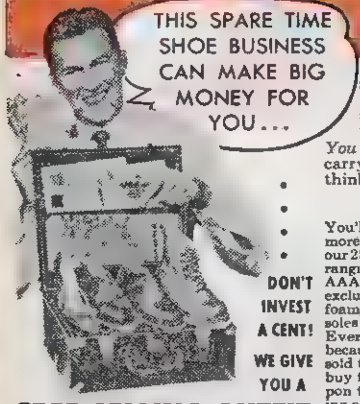

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THERE ARE THE ROTATING DISINTEGRATORS! IF I BECOME THE THING BEFORE I GET PAST 'EM, I'M A DEAD DUCK!
NO! MY HANDS--!! I-I'M STARTING TO CHANGE NOW! BUT I CAN'T! I MUSTN'T!!
AND THERE, IN THE SILENT, LONELY CAPSULE AN EXHIBITION OF SHEER, RAW COURAGE AND WILL-POWER TAKES PLACE SUCH AS FEW MEN HAVE EVER WITNESSED..
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MADE IT!! I-I'VE PENETRATED DOOM'S DISINTEGRATOR DEFENSES!!
HE'S HAD ALL THE INNINGS TILL NOW, BUT WE'VE REACHED THE TURNING POINT! NOW IT'S OUR TURN! DO YA HEAR THAT, DOOM??? THIS IS THE THING COMIN' FOR YA!!
FIRST THING I'LL DO IS CLOBBER THE MAIN DISINTEGRATOR CIRCUIT SO THE OTHERS CAN FOLLOW ME UP HERE AND JOIN THE PARTY
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OKAY, KIDS! TIME FOR FUN AND GAMES AGAIN! LET'S GET GOIN'!!!
WE HEAR YA TALKIN', BIG MAN!
BONNGG
GO EASY NOW! WE'VE ONLY PENETRATED HIS OUTER DEFENSES! DOOM IS STILL A DEADLY MENACE!
NEVER MIND THE LECTURE! WHERE'S ALICIA???
SO! YOU'VE DARED ENTER MY SANCTUM SANCTORUM!! WELL, YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET IT--ALL OF YOU!
DISPERSE! DON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO ATTACK US TOGETHER!
ALICIA! WHERE ARE YA, HONEY? I'M COMIN', DO YA HEAR?!!
I'LL FLAME OFF IN THIS DIRECTION!
ONE OF US HAS TO FIND A WAY TO TRAP HIM!
WHAT KINDA SHIP IS THIS?? IT'S GOT MORE CORRIDORS AND CHAMBERS THAN A CONEY ISLAND FUN HOUSE!
THIS IS THE CRAZIEST-LOOKIN' ROOM OF ALL! THE WALLS ALL GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS! BUT WHY--?
WITHIN SECONDS, THE TORCH GETS HIS ANSWER, AS THE ENTIRE CHAMBER BEGINS TO SPIN AROUND LIKE A TORNADO GONE MAD!
-IT'S A TRAP! IT'S SPINNIN' ME SO FAST THAT I CAN'T KEEP MY FLAME ON!
BUT, IN A FINAL, MIGHTY SURGE OF ENERGY, THE INDOMITABLE TORCH CREATES AN INCENDIARY EXPLOSION OF ENOUGH FORCE TO SHATTER THE HIDDEN ROTATING MECHANISM AND RETURN THE ROOM TO NORMAL!
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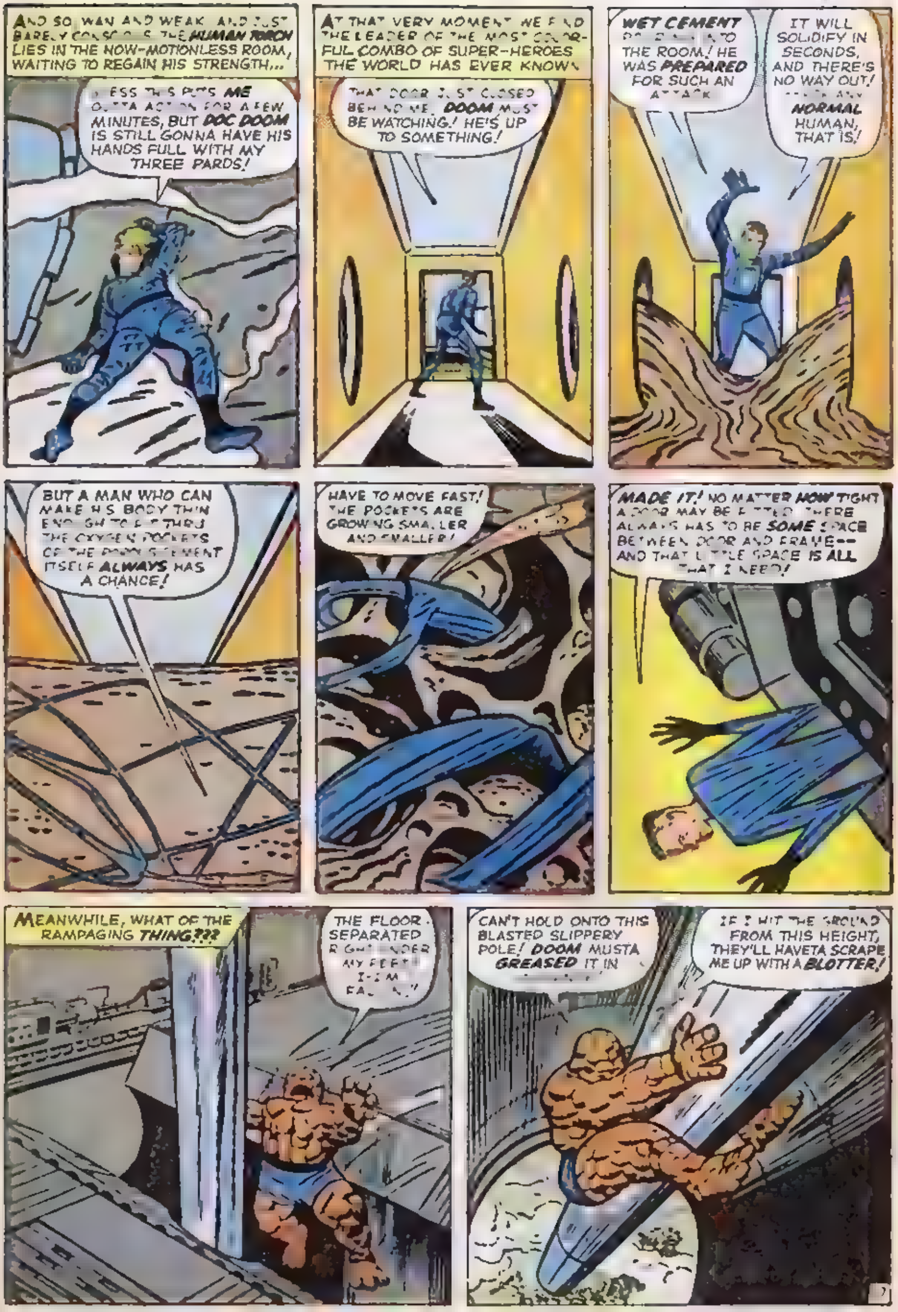
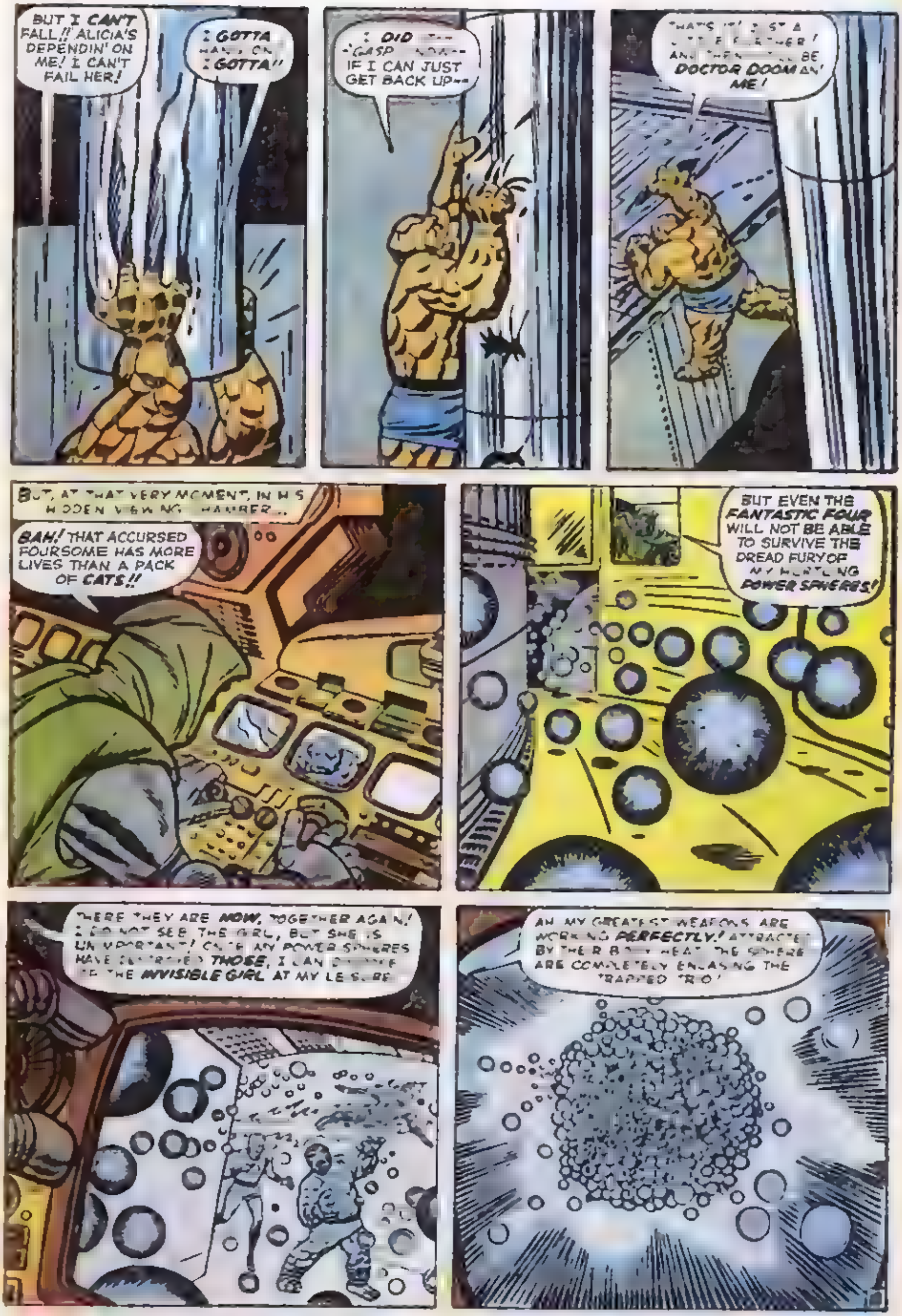

AND SO, WAN AND WEAK AND JUST BARELY CONSCIOUS, THE HUMAN TORCH LIES IN THE NOW-MOTIONLESS ROOM, WAITING TO REGAIN HIS STRENGTH...
MINUTES, BUT DOC DOOM IS STILL GONNA HAVE HIS HANDS FULL WITH MY THREE PARDS!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT WE FIND THE LEADER OF THE MOST COLOR-FUL COMBO OF SUPER-HEROES THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN
THAT DOOR JUST CLOSED BEHIND ME. DOOM MUST BE WATCHING! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!
WET CEMENT ... THE ROOM! HE WAS PREPARED FOR SUCH AN ATTACK
IT WILL SOLIDIFY IN SECONDS, AND THERE'S NO WAY OUT! ... NORMAL HUMAN, THAT IS!
BUT A MAN WHO CAN MAKE HIS BODY THIN ENOUGH TO FIT THRU THE OXYGEN POCKETS OF THE ... CEMENT ITSELF ALWAYS HAS A CHANCE!
HAVE TO MOVE FAST! THE POCKETS ARE GROWING SMALLER AND SMALLER!
MADE IT! NO MATTER HOW TIGHT A DOOR MAY BE FITTED, THERE ALWAYS HAS TO BE SOME SPACE BETWEEN DOOR AND FRAME-- AND THAT LITTLE SPACE IS ALL THAT I NEED!
MEANWHILE, WHAT OF THE RAMPAGING THING???
THE FLOOR SEPARATED RIGHT UNDER MY FEET! I-I'M ...
CAN'T HOLD ONTO THIS BLASTED SLIPPERY POLE! DOOM MUSTA GREASED IT IN
IF I HIT THE GROUND FROM THIS HEIGHT, THEY'LL HAVETA SCRAPE ME UP WITH A BLOTTER!


BUT I CAN'T FALL!! ALICIA'S DEPENDIN' ON ME! I CAN'T FAIL HER!
I GOTTA
I GOTTA!!
I DID
GASP
IF I CAN JUST GET BACK UP--
BE DOCTOR DOOM AN' ME!
BUT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN HIS
BAH! THAT ACCURSED FOURSOME HAS MORE LIVES THAN A PACK OF CATS!!
BUT EVEN THE FANTASTIC FOUR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE DREAD FURY OF
POWER SPHERES!
THERE THEY ARE NOW, TOGETHER AGAIN!
THE GIRL, BUT SHE IS
POWER SPHERES
THOSE,
THE INVISIBLE GIRL AT MY LEISURE
MY GREATEST WEAPONS ARE
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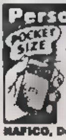

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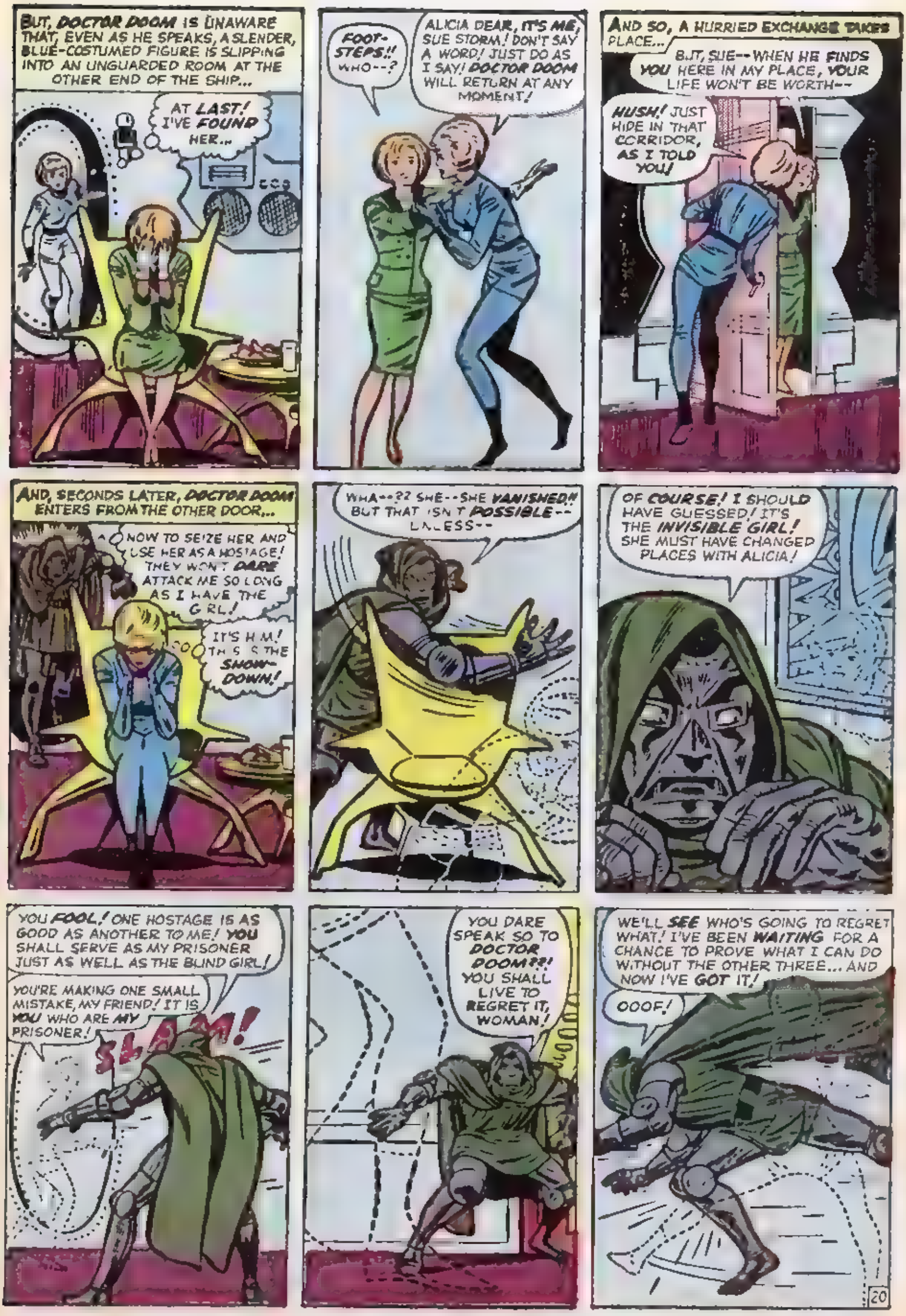
BUT, DOCTOR DOOM IS UNAWARE THAT, EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, A SLENDER, BLUE-COSTUMED FIGURE IS SLIPPING INTO AN UNGUARDED ROOM AT THE OTHER END OF THE SHIP...
AT LAST! I'VE FOUND HER...
FOOT-STEPS!! WHO--?
ALICIA DEAR, IT'S ME, SUE STORM! DON'T SAY A WORD! JUST DO AS I SAY! DOCTOR DOOM WILL RETURN AT ANY MOMENT!
AND SO, A HURRIED EXCHANGE TAKES PLACE...
BUT, SUE--WHEN HE FINDS YOU HERE IN MY PLACE, YOUR LIFE WON'T BE WORTH--
HUSH! JUST HIDE IN THAT CORRIDOR, AS I TOLD YOU!
AND, SECONDS LATER, DOCTOR DOOM ENTERS FROM THE OTHER DOOR...
NOW TO SEIZE HER AND USE HER AS A HOSTAGE! THEY WON'T DARE ATTACK ME SO LONG AS I HAVE THE GIRL!
IT'S HIM! THIS IS THE SHOW-DOWN!
WHA--?? SHE--SHE VANISHED!! BUT THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE--UNLESS--
OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED! IT'S THE INVISIBLE GIRL! SHE MUST HAVE CHANGED PLACES WITH ALICIA!
YOU FOOL! ONE HOSTAGE IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER TO ME! YOU SHALL SERVE AS MY PRISONER JUST AS WELL AS THE BLIND GIRL!
YOU'RE MAKING ONE SMALL MISTAKE, MY FRIEND! IT IS YOU WHO ARE MY PRISONER!
SLAM!
YOU DARE SPEAK SO TO DOCTOR DOOM??! YOU SHALL LIVE TO REGRET IT, WOMAN!
WE'LL SEE WHO'S GOING TO REGRET WHAT! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO PROVE WHAT I CAN DO WITHOUT THE OTHER THREE... AND NOW I'VE GOT IT!
OOOF!
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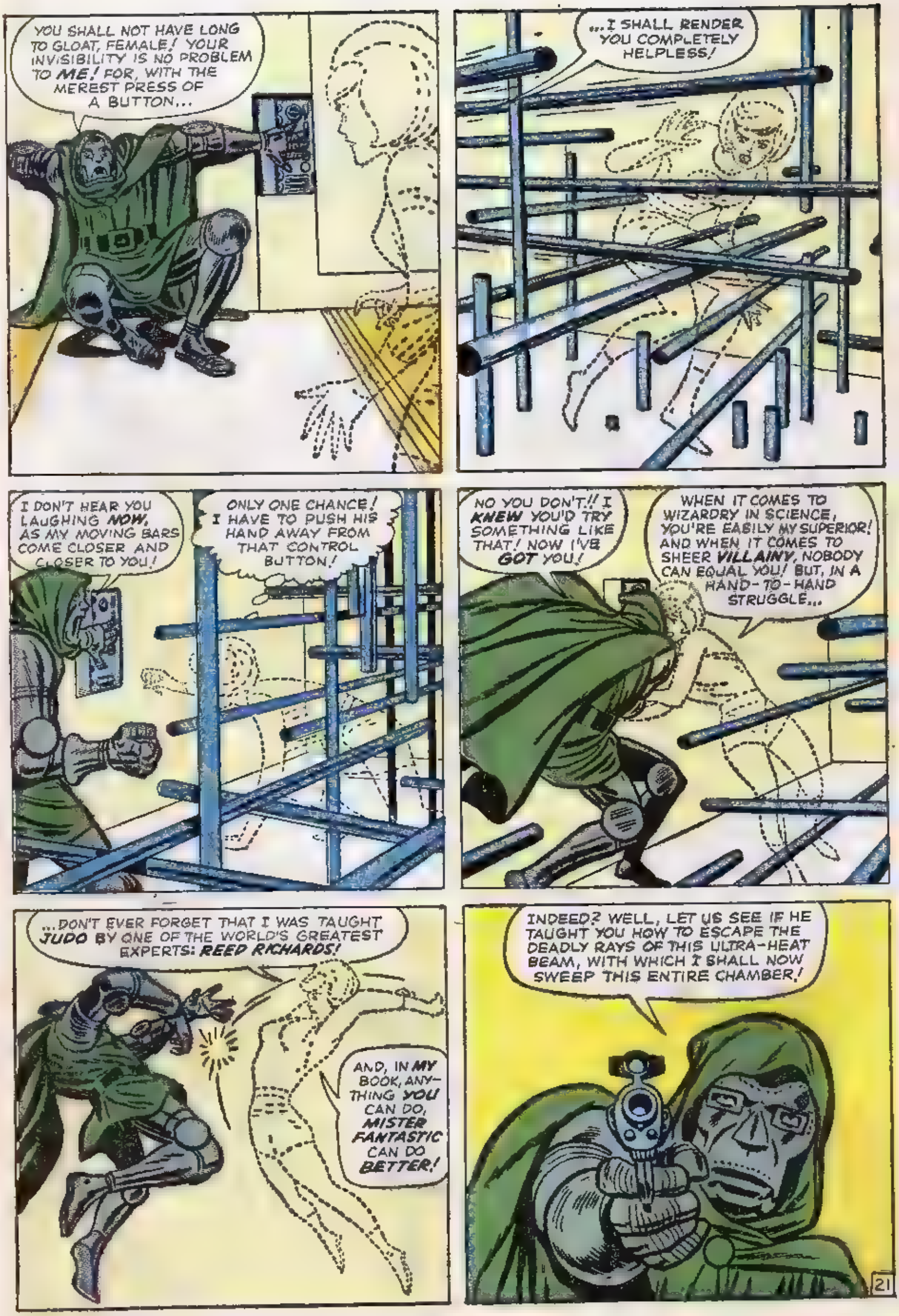

YOU SHALL NOT HAVE LONG TO GLOAT, FEMALE! YOUR INVISIBILITY IS NO PROBLEM TO ME! FOR, WITH THE MEREST PRESS OF A BUTTON...
...I SHALL RENDER YOU COMPLETELY HELPLESS!
I DON'T HEAR YOU LAUGHING NOW, AS MY MOVING BARS COME CLOSER AND CLOSER TO YOU!
ONLY ONE CHANCE! I HAVE TO PUSH HIS HAND AWAY FROM THAT CONTROL BUTTON!
NO YOU DON'T!! I KNEW YOU'D TRY SOMETHING LIKE THAT! NOW I'VE GOT YOU!
WHEN IT COMES TO WIZARDRY IN SCIENCE, YOU'RE EASILY MY SUPERIOR! AND WHEN IT COMES TO SHEER VILLAINY, NOBODY CAN EQUAL YOU! BUT, IN A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE...
...DON'T EVER FORGET THAT I WAS TAUGHT JUDO BY ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPERTS: REED RICHARDS!
AND, IN MY BOOK, ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, MISTER FANTASTIC CAN DO BETTER!
INDEED? WELL, LET US SEE IF HE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO ESCAPE THE DEADLY RAYS OF THIS ULTRA-HEAT BEAM, WITH WHICH I SHALL NOW SWEEP THIS ENTIRE CHAMBER!

BUT SUDDENLY.
BROTHER YOUR CHAMBER-SWEEPIN' DAYS ARE OVER!
YOU-- YOU FOUND ME-- SO SOON?!
BUT I SHALL NEVER SUFFER THE HUMILIATION OF BEING CAPTURED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!!
COME BACK! YA CAN'T CHEAT ME OUTTA MY REVENGE THIS WAY
BEN! GET OUT OF THE WAY! I CAN STILL REACH OUT AND GRAB HIM-- BEN-- NO-- IT'S TOO LATE NOW
SWIFTLY, SILENTLY, THE AWESOME FORM OF THE GREATEST MENACE OF OUR AGE PLUMMETS EARTHWARD... DOWN-- DOWN-- DOWN-- UNTIL IT IS LOST FROM SIGHT IN THE BILLOWING CLOUDS BELOW
A FEW SECONDS LATER...
BEN? MY DARLING-- IT'S YOU! I KNOW IT IS
ALICIA! I'M HERE, BABY! EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW!
JOHNNY! SUE IS GONE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HER!
DON'T WORRY, REED DEAR-- YOU NEVER LOST ME!
SUE! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! THAT MEANS OUR TRIUMPH IS COMPLETE!
SUE, DARLING --IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU--
BENJAMIN GRIMM-- STOP! YOU'RE MAKING MY HEAD SPIN!
THAT'S WHAT YOU DO TO ME, DOLL-- EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YA!
YEESH! WHAT A LOT OF MUSH! I DON'T BLAME
JUMPIN'!!
BUT THE TORCH HASN'T MUCH TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT "MUSH", FOR NEXT ISSUE THE F.F. BATTLE A FOE WHO HAS ALL THE POWERS THEY HAVE--AND MORE! SEE YOU THEN!
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the END

Address YOUR letters to:
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THIRD FLOOR
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NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

FANTASTIC FAN PAGE 4

Dear Stan and Jack:

I've never written to you before and I'd like to say something about your book. Although people say that comics are for children, I must say that I am a 31 year-old child, 'cause I read them. I'm a stunt man and actor in the Frontier Cities of the old west, such as Carson City and Cimmaron City, play-acting for children. Last summer I got hold of one of the Fantastic Four comics that some child left behind after the show. I started reading it in spare time and actually enjoyed it, so I continued buying your comics. My personal opinion, and also that of some of the riders that work with me, is that it's a great book for a comic. I just got #12 of the *FF Meets the Hulk*, and that was great also.

Harry Warren
Silver Saddle Ranch
North Branch, New Jersey

A great book for a COMIC!!! Heck, Harry, we never claimed it was a great book for anything ELSE! But thanks for the thought, cowboy! Say — here's an idea: let's try to find out who is our OLDEST reader! So far, we have 31-year old Harry Warren. Who can top him?

Dear Stan and Jack:

I want you to know that I appreciate the fact that you are the only ones that have super-heros, none of which have protegees. Don't ever give them any. No one wants any Ant-Man, Jr., because that would cheapen Ant-Man. The circumstances that create a super-hero are unique, and when accidents like being bitten by a radioactive spider start happening twice, the whole mess becomes ridiculous. Last month was "Guest Appearance Month," so now we have "Guest Artist Month." Steve Ditko inked the *Fantastic Four*, and also pencilled the *Hulk*. This is only the second time that Don Heck has drawn *Ant-Man* and *The Human Torch*. And Al Hartley illustrated *Thor*. What are you going to do next month?

Donald Markstein
2232 Wirth Pl.
New Orleans 15, La.

We don't know yet, but one thing you can bet on, Donald . . . there'll be SOMEBODY who'll pan us for it!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I got so sick of people saying in letters how bad the Invisible Girl is, how good the Human Torch is, etc., etc., that I decided to take a poll amongst my friends, relatives, neighbors, and so on. My goal was 100, but I got only 80 voters. Here are the results Favorite Character: Human Torch — 38; Thing — 26; Mr. Fantastic — 13, Invisible Girl — 3. Should the Human Torch get his own magazine?: Yes — 51; No — 29. Should the Invisible Girl be kicked out?: Yes — 27; No — 53. Should a new character be added?: Yes — 71; No — 9. Who should the new character be?. Ant-Man — 27, Spider-Man — 26; Thor — 21; Hulk — 6.

Sebastian Stuart
101 Central Park West
N. Y. 23, N. Y.

What we wanna know is — how come only 80 voters? And MR. FANTASTIC demands a recount!

Dear Stan:

Just finished Fantastic Four #11 and 12 . . . Now I could waste time on superlatives — but I'm sure there are none I can use which some other fan hasn't used before me . . . but there's one thing I do wish to compliment you upon — and this is Stan Lee's "Komix Anti-Cliche League" which I think most fans don't appreciate. It takes a rare genius indeed to break all the fond, endearing, shining, *silly* little rules of komix . . . but I think it takes an even vaster genius to make a success of it . . . You, my friend, seem well in control of both forms of genius. The temptation is there — always to stick to the old, reliable "formulae" which have sold for umpteen writers before you and will probably sell for as many to come after you. However, I can sit back comfortably here and watch all these time-honored cliches come a-tumblin' down under the sharp, keen ax of Lee and Co., Inc. I see you strike out along unbroken trails with the *Thing and Spider-Man*, and *The Hulk*, and *Iron Man*. You imitate no one, and no one dares to imitate you! Now I ask you, if this isn't progress, what is it?? When the FF first came out, I bit my nails. I wanted to see the 'zine continue to exist, yet I was afraid that this brash, young "upstart" had begun not only by biting the hand which fed it, but by biting arm, shoulders, and head as well. True, it violated cardinal rules. The first rule it violated was that Komix heros had to be epitomes of virtue — "Cripes!!," I thought, "the FF seem altogether too human to be fantasy heros! Migosh, they actually *quarrel* among themselves!" The next rule was that it was imperative that komix heros keep "secret" that (hoo-hah!) all-important "secret-identity"! This ended when it was found that Johnny Storm only *thought* he had a secret identity"! There, then, was no excuse for the FF's continuing success as a publication — yet, not only was it successful, but it has pushed even its strongest competitors so far into the background they can't even be counted as "competitors." If you get the point that I'm all for you, that's the only "point" I wish to make. Be watching you when I get back "stateside." Missed a lot of crucial issues over here — (but I don't believe I'm going to miss *too* many more!) Thanks for listening . . . Hope Jack learns to draw feet. May be a good idea to make him come to work barefoot in that New York snow so that he'll get the knack to drawing passably good feet — but don't tell him it's my idea. He may have Mafia connections . . . (and I'm in Italy).

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New York, New York

Don't worry about Jack, pal. He's too busy counting his toes to bother anyone! As for Stan, he's going out to buy a larger hat!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I always read your mags and I think they are very exciting, but you make the most impossible things happen in them. Like the time the Fantastic Four met the 'Red Ghost' on the moon . . . I always thought that the moon had no gravity. How come the FF were not floating in space? In the same issue there was air on the moon. How come? Anyhow, it's still my favorite comic.

Peter Dovolas
9907 Larose
Montreal, P.Q.,
Canada

We were referring to a special "blue area" of the moon which had once been settled by another civilization. They had created an artificial gravity and atmosphere which still existed. There! That explanation is ambiguous enough to confuse almost anybody!

CONTINUED . . .

Dear Stan and Jack: (My resistance is useless)

"The Fantastic Four vs. the Red Ghost and His Indescribable Super Apes" (whew) is the best comic book story ever printed. For plot, characters, and parody, it canNOT be topped! I WOULD serve you fellows breakfast in bed, but your eating time is probably spent in making a great story for the next issue of FANTASTIC FOUR! Seriously, FF #13 was so good I nearly died from the prospects of having to wait for #14. The reasons are thusly: The cover was the best to come out of your company yet. However, I do have a few suggestions. First of all, the logo is bad — makes it look like a humor comic. Secondly, there's too much sensationalism and such stuff taking up space. "In this spellbinding tale, you will meet the most dramatic being . . ." Who cares? Who is he? Since you've already given us the name, I can be pretty assured that the name is the Watcher. Surprisingly enough, he is the most dramatic being of all time! 2) Art was amazing! Ditko's inking of Kirby's pencils are better than Ayer's on FF . . . the other way around on HULK. JK's version of TORCH was (Gracias a Dios!) improved tremendously since the first few pathetic issues. 3) Outrageous parody. That panel where MR. FANTASTIC made his sermon on the Reds and Americans both being earthmen ("This is wrong! Why can't we leave our differences behind us? We should be making this trip together.") Would have had me rolling in the chair, but for the fact that I was at the barber's at the time I read it. 4) Tremendous plot action. To thee, Stan Lee, all I can do is offer my greatest thanks! 5) Invisible Girl finally *did* something. Well, there were so many great things about the story that I can't list them all! All I can do is tell you that I bought *two* copies, and since #12 have subscribed to what is TRULY the "World's Greatest Comic Magazine." (Get me the smelling salts, Jack. I feel faint! — Are you kidding, Stan? I'm too shocked to move!) Next I have several hundred comments to make on FF #14, so I'll dig right in: First of all, congratulations on your new symbol. It's far more decorative than the cryptic "MC" which once hid in the farthest corner of the covers. I'm glad you reduced the logo, as it is one of the worst in comics history, making the FF sound like a humor mag (although it is the world's greatest *comic* magazine.) Kirby's art is getting much better. The story, "The Merciless Puppet Master," was badly named, as usual, but this didn't reflect the quality of the story. Puppet Master is one of your worst creations, but with Sub-Mariner he manages to become half-way decent. Nevertheless, I hope he doesn't escape from the digestive system of the giant octupus. Speaking of Sub-Mariner, I now recommend that he remain a villain; he's better this way than he ever possibly could be as a hero. I just love those side incidents in FF, and #14 didn't disappoint me. I nearly flipped from those scenes at the airport and SM's undersea sanctum! The parody and conflict in FF is WONDERFUL! Keep it up (not that you had any thoughts of discontinuing them, I hope)! And you're going to introduce an FF annual? Good Heavens, I hope this isn't the kind of grubby reprints that other companies are printing! If it's made of reprints, prepare to lose money . . . (IT ISN'T! . . . Ed.) Finally, I'd like to compliment you on the excellence of IRON MAN, I've raved before, but I'll rave again! IRON MAN is better than his predecessor, as well as three quarters of the mush that cavorts through what is commonly called a comic magazine; naturally I'm not talking about FF! I hope these epistles don't bore you, but I feel compelled to talk whenever I read an FF . . . and once I've started talking, nobody stops me. So you finally converted me!

Paul Gambaccini
8 Elizabeth Drive
Westport, Connecticut

Glad we've converted you. P. G. But, now that we've got you, what do we DO with you?

Dear Stan, Jack, Steve, and all the rest —

MARVELous is the most fitting adjective for your group of comics . . . So far as I'm concerned, you have no competition, so I'll concentrate on comparison within your own ranks. After the fantastic handling by 'King' Kirby, THOR suffered a bit of a downfall in Al Hartley's hands. Tho' it's apparent he honestly tried hard to maintain Jack's marvelous flair, he couldn't help but fail — of course, this is my personal opinion perhaps others are satisfied. The story of the Carbon Copy Man was Lee's usual par; fine. I for one enjoyed most the Ditko story in this ish, (Journey Into Mystery), and felt it conveyed a warm, wonderful message. I hope you continue with these off-beat incidents. IRONMAN's new — ah — what-would-you-call-it — it's not a uniform per se . . . Anyway; the yellow, simulating gold, is very fitting as was the reason for the change. Don Heck really does wonders for Iron Man, as he does likewise with Ant Man. For my money, Heck's second only to Kirby and Ditko. FF #14 is nothing short of sensational; the combination of villains (tho' I'm glad you don't still exploit Namor as a pure do-badder) made for a unique conflict. The opening sequence of FF's landing was great realism! *Thing's* remark about a REP TO MAINTAIN FOR HIS PANTING PUBLIC was a master-stroke. SPIDER-MAN #2 is your own competition. Doubtless, he's your finest since the FF, due primarily to Steve's immaculate art and Stan's magnificent innovations. The visual 'spider-sense' (radiating black lines) is a superb touch, as are the night 'shots.' "Vulture" is surely a worthy nemesis. In my humble opinion, SM #2 is Ditko's finest art ever. My only kick is that Pete Parker looks more college-ish than a highschool student, but this is insignificant in the sheer enjoyment of the bulk of the art and plot. It goes without saying, Spider-Man is truly AMAZING. I could close by wishing long life to the MARVEL Comics Group, but I'm sure that the AMAZING Mr. Lee will see to that!

Ronn Foss
Wagon-Wheels Apts. #5
Suisun, Calif.

Many thanks for your kind comments and generous praise, Ronn. If only the BOSS liked us as much as you do!

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- **We've always believed in levelling with our fans. So, for those of you who've asked what happened to the HULK, here's the scoop: We decided to discontinue the mag because we felt we were spreading ourselves too thin! But, we got a BRING-BACK-THE-HULK petition from City College of N. Y.; Nome, Alaska; and places all over the free world! We honestly hadn't realized you were all so HULK-conscious! So, back he comes! We don't yet know where, when, or how, but be patient — mankind won't be Hulkless much longer!**

- **And, speaking of Annuals, here's another surprise . . . the STRANGE TALES *ANNUAL* goes on sale the middle of June, featuring the HUMAN TORCH and — who'da guessed it? SPIDERMAN!!! Just another minor masterpiece from MARVEL COMICS GROUP!**

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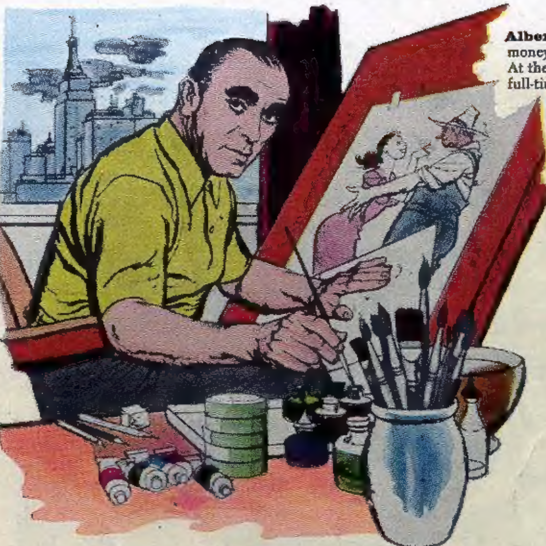

Albert Dorne — probably the greatest money-maker in the history of commercial art. At the height of his career, he began a full-time search for people who like to draw.

He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Busketta is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists —men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they spent several years creating a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, the famous artists developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

Albert Dorne is not surprised by the success of his students. "The art field is growing. We keep getting calls from all over the country, asking us for practical, well-trained students who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs."

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the famous artists created a 12-page talent test. Thousands paid $1 for this test, but now the School offers it free and will grade it free. If you show talent on the test, you will be eligible for training by the School. No obligation. Simply mail coupon. It might be your first step to an exciting, well-paid career in art.

America's 12 Most Famous Artists

Norman Rockwell	Fred Ludekens
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Al Parker	Robert Fawcett
Stevan Dohanos	Austin Briggs
George Giusti	Harold Von Schmidt
Peter Helck	Albert Dorne

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